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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Pat Miller Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37238

Re Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NuVox Communications, Inc f/k/a Trivergent Communications, Inc. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

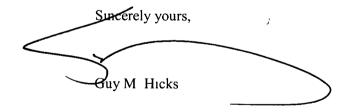
Docket No. 05-00/20

Dear Chairman Miller:

NuVox: Communications, Inc. f/k/a Trivergent Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the executed Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 30, 2000. The Interconnection Agreement expired on June 29, 2003 and the parties are currently in arbitration proceedings in BellSouth's nine state region. The Interconnection Agreement will continue month to month until the arbitrations have been completed.

The Amendment modifies the Notice provision in the Agreement

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



GMH/dt

Enclosure

cc. Hamilton E. Russell, III, Trivergent Communications, Inc.
John J. Heitmann, Esquire, Attorney for Trivergent Communications, Inc.
Don Baltimore, Esquire, Attorney for Trivergent Communications, Inc.

## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY Nashville, Tennessee

In re:

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## PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS, INC. F/K/A TRIVERGENT COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, NuVox Communications, Inc. f/k/a Trivergent Communications, Inc. ("NuVox") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 30, 2000 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, NuVox and BellSouth state the following:

- 1. NuVox and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to NuVox. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on October 24, 2000.
- 2. The Interconnection Agreement expired on June 29, 2003 and the parties are currently in arbitration proceedings in BellSouth's nine state region. The Interconnection Agreement will continue month to month until the arbitrations have been completed.

- 3. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement. The Amendment modifies the Notice provision in the Agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached.
- 4. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, NuVox and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties are authorized to submit the Amendment to the TRA for approval.
- 5. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and NuVox within 90 days of their submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.
- 6. NuVox and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

NuVox and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This	day of	, 2005.			
		Respectfully submitted,			
		BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.			
		By:			
		Guy M. Hicks			

Guy M. Hicks 333 Commerce Street, Suite 2101 Nashville, Tennessee 37201-3300 (615) 214-6301 Attorney for BellSouth

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail, on the day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Hamilton E. Russell, III Regional Vice President – Legal and Regulatory Affairs NuVox Communications, Inc. (formerly TriVergent) 301 North Main Street, Suite 500 Greenville, SC 29601

John J. Heitmann Esquire Counsel to NuVox Communications, Inc. Kelley Drye & Warren LLP 1200 19<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20036

Don Baltimore, Esquire Farrar & Bates 211 Seventh Avenue North, Suite 420 Nashville, TN 37219-1823

Guy M. Hicks

## Amendment to the Agreement Between NuVox Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Dated June 30, 2000

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), NuVox Communications, Inc ("NuVox"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 30, 2000 ("Agreement") to be effective thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the last signature executing the Amendment ("Effective Date")

WHEREAS, BellSouth and NuVox entered into the Agreement on June 30, 2000, and,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows.

1. To replace the Notices contacts for NuVox Communications, Inc. with the following:

Mr Bo Russell 2 N. Main St Greenville, SC 29601 brussell@nuvox com

Mr John Heitmann 1200 19th Street, NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20036 JHeitmann@KelleyDrye.com

Copy to Ms Mary Campbell 2 N Main St Greenville, SC 29601 MCampbell@nuvox com

Mr John Fury 2 N Main St Greenville, SC 29601 JFury @ nuvox com

- 2 All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated June 30, 2000, shall remain in full force and effect
- 3. Either or both of the Parties are authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Amendment the day and year written below

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

Name Kristen Rowe

Title Director

Date: 2/28/05

NuVox Communications, Inc.

Name HAMILTON E. Ku

Title. VP Legal Afraires

Date: 2/16/05

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